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TAGS: ETRD, BDIS, BAGB, LE
SUBJECT: PL-480 TOBACCO SALES TO LEBANON; REGIE DEBTS TO US
GROWERS

REF: (A) BEIRUT 0920, (B) 77 BEIRUT 6524, (C) 77 BEIRUT 6381

1. IN CALL ON ECONOFF FEB 21 MR. TOM AUSTIN OF AUSTIN TOBACCO
CO. REPORTED NO CHECK YET RECEIVED FROM REGIE DES TABACS IN
PAYMENT REGIE'S DEBTS TO HIS COMPANY. E/C OFFICE CONTACTED
DAGHER, WHO EXPLAINED REGIE IS PROCEEDING SERIATIM THROUGH
THE CASES AND HAS NOT YET HANDLED AUSTIN. WORK WAS DELAYED
PAST TWO WEEKS BY THE FAYYADIYEH INCIDENTS BUT HAS NOW RESUMED.

2. DAGHER REPORTS REGIE HAS MADE PAYMENTS TO DATE AS
FOLLOWS:

MONK-HENDERSON \$76,808 JANUARY 10, 1978
THORPE & RICKS 45,062 JANUARY 12, 1978
UNIVERSAL 32,000 JANUARY 14, 1978
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R.J. REYNOLDS 51,710 JANUARY 24, 1978

3. IN REF (A), MISSION REPORTED REGIE AGREEMENT TAKE 500 MT
TOBACCO AS PART OF 1978 TITLE I PROGRAM. IN PRINCIPLE, MISSION
WOULD RATHER NOT SEE TOBACCO IN CONCESSIONAL PROGRAM, BUT
CONCURS FOR 1978 BASED ON FINANCIAL CONDITION OF REGIE. IF
APPROVED, WE RECOMMEND THAT APPROPRIATE WASHINGTON OFFICES

COORDINATE ISSUANCE OF CONCESSIONAL AUTHORIZATIONS WITH
REGIE'S CONTINUED GOOD PERFORMANCE IN PAYING OUTSTANDING
DEBTS TO U.S. LEAF GROWERS. TO APPROVE CONCESSIONAL SALES
BEFORE COMMERCIAL SLATE IS CLEAN WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH
CONCERTED MISSION EFFORTS WITH REGIE OVER PAST SEVERAL
MONTHS ON BEHALF OF U.S. COMMERCIAL INTERESTS. FINALLY,
CONCESSIONAL ALLOTMENT FOR 1978 WILL PROBABLY FILL ALL REGIE
REQUIREMENTS, BUT SHOULD CLEAR BOARDS FOR COMMERCIAL
SALES IN 1979.

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